

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1 to 3, and 10 to 13 are pending in the application. Claims 4 to 9 and 14 to 16 are cancelled herein. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in one or more future divisional or continuation applications.

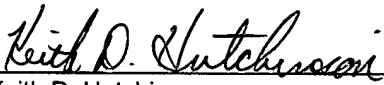
Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 1 to 3, 10 and 12 in the Office Action of November 15, 2004.

Claims 11 and 13 are amended herein as recommended by the Examiner in the Office Action of November 15, 2004. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's guidance in progressing this application to allowance.

Applicants respectfully assert that this case is now in condition for Allowance and request prompt notice thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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